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## Today's Topics:

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CW QSO Content (Re: Get Over It)

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Date: 9 Oct 1994 19:33:57 GMT  
From: Cecil\_A\_Moore@ccm.ch.intel.com  
Subject: code...

In article <375gh\$549@agate.berkeley.edu>,  
William Martin Johnson <kb6cch@uclink.berkeley.edu> wrote:

>the code is an international language.

Not a language, just a way of coding languages. As you say...

>... it is based on english, which makes it easier for us.

it is usually (not always) based on English, which makes it easier for English speaking hams.

>it is more reliable than non-cw digital modes.

Guess that's why the military, extremely concerned about reliability, uses it so much. I've seen an Amtor QSO continue when I can't even hear the incoming signal.

>and it is somewhat of a tribal initiation, too:

I agree 100%, a lot like hazing or circumcision.

>cw is the most spectrum efficient 2-way mode:

I think if you calculate throughput/bandwidth, you will find some of the other digital modes are more efficient. Ever try sending large files using CW? 12wpm CW is about one character/sec.

>... fsk take up more than a khz for only one conversation.

The ARRL handbook says HF RTTY takes up about 300 Hz for 130wpm with a better SNR than CW. I would like to hear ten 13wpm CW conversations going on in that same 300 Hz bandwidth (not saying it's impossible).

>... manifested in memorizing question pools, ...

I still don't understand why it is good to memorize Morse code and bad to memorize question pools.

And Bill, your signature in Morse code sure took up more bandwidth than it would have in ASCII. :-)

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73, Cecil, KG7BK, OOTC (All my own personal fuzzy logic, not Intel's)

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Date: Sun, 9 Oct 94 13:06:40 -0500  
From: Ed Ellers <edellers@delphi.com>  
Subject: CW QSO Content (Re: Get Over It)

michael silva <mjsilva@ix.netcom.com> writes:

>Please be more careful throwing around this word with regard to voluntary  
>activities. When the men with guns come by and "request" that you get a ham  
>license, then we can talk about coercion.

This "voluntary activity" involves obtaining a license from the GOVERNMENT to regain a privilege that that government has, by law, taken away. When the only choices are "do as Uncle Sam says or find another hobby" it isn't truly voluntary.

-- Ed Ellers, KD4AWQ

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Date: Sun, 9 Oct 94 13:08:51 -0500  
From: Ed Ellers <edellers@delphi.com>

References<1994Sep29.162714.330@clark.dgim.doc.ca> <Cwynvq.Ezx@cruzio.com>, <CxDqF6.3F8@news.Hawaii.Edu>  
Subject: Re: Get Over It

Jeffrey Herman <jeffrey@kahuna.tmc.edu> writes:

>15 minutes per day isn't really too much to study to gain HF privileges.

It is when we know that the \*only\* reason it's necessary is because of a Federal rule, NOT because such knowledge is actually needed to use the spectrum wisely.

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Date: 9 Oct 1994 14:58:54 -0500  
From: mancini@sugar.NeoSoft.COM (Dr. Michael Mancini)

References<1994Sep29.162714.330@clark.dgim.doc.ca> <Cwynvq.Ezx@cruzio.com>, <CxDqF6.3F8@news.hawaii.edu>  
Subject: Re: Get Over It

In article <CxDqF6.3F8@news.hawaii.edu>,  
someone else (not Jeffrey Herman) wrote:

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>>It does seem a little \*peculiar\* to me to spend hour upon hour learning to  
>>tap out morse digital at 20wpm so I can exchange "Hi, I use a <<insert radio  
>>name here>> and a <<insert antenna name here>> and I am located at <<insert QTH  
>>here>> and am a <<insert license class here>> and my call is <<insert call

Sounds like you've been taking that CW test T00 many times! :)

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"I'm not a real doctor, but I play one on television."

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